

What is claimed is:

1. A modular cargo carrier assembly, comprising:
 - a cargo container comprising a bottom and a container side wall extending upwardly from a periphery of said bottom, said bottom and container side wall defining an interior compartment; and
 - 5 a platform comprising a floor and a platform side wall extending upwardly from a periphery of said floor, said floor and platform side wall defining a receiver portion adapted to nestingly support the cargo container thereon.
2. The assembly of claim 1, wherein the cargo container bottom periphery defines an exterior dimension that is less than the exterior dimension defined by the cargo container side wall periphery, whereby the container side wall exterior surface and the platform side
 - 5 wall exterior surface are substantially coplanar when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.
3. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said cargo container side wall includes at least one latch or lock for securing the container to the platform side wall.

4. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said cargo container includes at least one projection extending outwardly from the container bottom periphery.

5. The assembly of claim 4, wherein said platform includes at least one slot aligned with and adapted to matingly engage the cargo container projection when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.

6. The assembly of claim 5, wherein said slot defines an opening extending substantially through the platform side wall.

7. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said platform floor further includes a plurality of aligned mounting apertures.

8. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said platform and cargo container further include at least one aligned drainage aperture for selectively permitting fluid communication between the cargo container interior compartment and an exterior of the container.

9. The assembly of claim 1, wherein said cargo container further includes a cover attached to an upper end of the container side wall.

10. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said cargo container further includes a latch or lock for securing the lid in a closed position.

11. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said cargo container side wall further includes at least one carrying handle.

12. The assembly of claim 9, wherein said cargo container side wall or bottom includes at least one wheel.

13. The assembly of claim 12, wherein said platform floor or side wall includes at least one wheel receiving slot aligned with said wheel when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.

14. A modular cargo carrier assembly, comprising:
a cargo container comprising a bottom and a container side wall extending upwardly from a periphery of said bottom, said bottom and container side wall defining an interior compartment;
5 a platform comprising a floor and a platform side wall extending upwardly from a periphery of said floor, said floor and platform side wall defining a receiver portion adapted to nestingly support the cargo container thereon; and
an accessory support assembly for carrying the cargo
10 carrier assembly and securing the cargo carrier assembly to an accessory receiver assembly secured to a vehicle.

15. The assembly of claim 14, wherein the cargo container bottom periphery defines an exterior dimension that is less than the exterior dimension defined by the cargo container side wall periphery, whereby the container side wall exterior surface and the platform side

wall exterior surface are substantially coplanar when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.

16. The assembly of claim 14, wherein said cargo container side wall includes at least one latch or lock for securing the container to the platform side wall.

17. The assembly of claim 14, wherein said cargo container includes at least one projection extending outwardly from the container bottom periphery.

18. The assembly of claim 17, wherein said platform includes at least one slot aligned with and adapted to matingly engage the cargo container projection when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.

19. The assembly of claim 18, wherein said slot defines an opening extending substantially through the platform side wall.

20. The assembly of claim 14, wherein said platform floor further includes a plurality of aligned mounting apertures.

21. The assembly of claim 20, wherein the accessory support assembly comprises a mounting post and an accessory mounting bracket having mounting apertures aligned with said platform mounting apertures.

22. The assembly of claim 14, wherein said platform and cargo container further include at least one aligned drainage aperture for selectively permitting fluid communication between the cargo container interior compartment and an exterior of the container.

23. The assembly of claim 14, wherein said cargo container further includes a cover attached to an upper end of the container side wall.

24. The assembly of claim 23, wherein said cargo container further includes a latch or lock for securing the lid in a closed position.

25. The assembly of claim 23, wherein said cargo container side wall further includes at least one carrying handle.

26. The assembly of claim 23, wherein said cargo container side wall or bottom includes at least one wheel.

27. The assembly of claim 25, wherein said platform floor or side wall includes at least one wheel receiving slot aligned with said wheel when the platform is nestingly supporting the cargo container.

28. A modular cargo carrier assembly, comprising:
a cargo container comprising a bottom and a container side wall extending upwardly from a periphery of said bottom, said bottom and container side wall defining an interior compartment;

- 5 a platform comprising a floor and a platform side wall
extending upwardly from a periphery of said floor, said floor and
platform side wall defining a receiver portion adapted to nestingly
support the cargo container thereon; and
- 10 an accessory support assembly for carrying the cargo
carrier assembly and securing the cargo carrier assembly to an
accessory receiver assembly secured to a vehicle, wherein the accessory
support assembly comprises a mounting post and an accessory
mounting bracket pivotally secured to said mounting post so that said
bracket is selectively displaceable between a first position and a second
15 position.